

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. The foregoing amendments are responsive to the April 19, 2005 Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following comments.

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Response to the Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 10, 11, 14-18 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,268,803 issued to Sugita, et al. The rejection asserts that Sugita allegedly teaches each element of the claims. Claims 10, 11, 14-18 and 20-22 are canceled herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-9 and 19 are allowed. Claims 12, 13 and 23-26 are indicated to contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the objection. Claims 12, 23, and 25-26 are amended herein to incorporate the elements from the independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12, 13, 23, and 25-26 are now in condition for allowance.

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Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

No fees are believed due with the filing of this response. However, if Applicants are in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account (No. 50-2733) any fees that are currently due, as well as any fees due during the pendency of this application.

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